



S.J.RES. 25 – A JOINT RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR THE APPOINTMENT OF JOHN W. MCCARTER AS A CITIZEN REGENT OF THE BOARD OF REGENTS OF THE SMITHSONIAN INSTITUTION

FLOOR SITUATION

S.J.Res. 25 is being considered on the floor under suspension of the rules and will require a two-thirds majority vote for passage. This legislation was introduced by Senator Patrick Leahy(D-VT) on November 26, 2007. The bill passed the Senate without amendment by unanimous consent on February 4, 2008. The bill was received by the House from the Senate on February 6, 2008.

S.J.Res. 25 is expected to be considered on the floor of the House on March 5, 2008.

SUMMARY

S.J.Res. 25 resolves that the Senate and House of Representatives appoints John W. McCarter of Illinois to fill the vacancy on the Board of Regents of the Smithsonian Institution. Mr. McCarter's term is 6 years, and his appointment comes at the expiration of the term of Walter E. Massey of Georgia.

BACKGROUND

John W. McCarter is a native of Chicago, Illinois, and is the President and Chief Executive Officer of The Field Museum in Chicago.

The Field Museum collections number over 23 million specimens, and the staff includes 72 Ph.D.'s. Currently, the Field Museum has geological and archaeological activities in 94 countries. Previously, Mr. McCarter was Senior Vice President of Booz Allen & Hamilton, Inc., and served as President of DeKalb Corporation, and was Budget Director of the State of Illinois under Governor Richard B. Ogilvie. Additionally, he was a White House Fellow during the administration of Lyndon B. Johnson. Mr. McCarter is a graduate of Princeton University and Harvard Business School. He also attended the London School of Economics.

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